advising in such matters like planning, regulation or development of inter-State river or river valley or in a specified part thereof.

The Functions envisaged for River Boards to be constituted under this Act are as under:

(a) advising the Governments interested on any matter concerning the regulation or development of any specified inter-State river or river valley within its area of operation and in particular, advising them in relation to the co-ordination of their activities with a view to resolve conflicts among them and to achieve maximum results in respect of the measures under-taken by them in the inter-State river valley for the purpose of —

(i) Conservation, control and optimum utilisation of water resources of the inter-State river;
(ii) promotion and operation of schemes for irrigation, water supply or drainage;
(iii) promotion and operation of schemes for the development of hydro-electric power;
(iv) promotion and operation of schemes for flood control;
(v) promotion of afforestation and control of soil erosion;
(vi) promotion and control of navigation;
(vii) prevention of pollution of the waters of the inter-State river;
(viii) such other matters as may be prescribed;

(b) preparing scheme, including multi-purpose schemes, for the purpose of regulating or developing the inter-State river or river valley and advising the Governments interested to undertake measures for executing the scheme prepared by the Board;

(c) Allocating among the Governments interested the costs of executing any scheme prepared by the Board and of maintaining any works undertaken in the execution of the scheme;

(d) Watching the progress of the measures undertaken by the Governments interested;

(e) any other matter which is supplemental, incidental or consequential to any of the above functions.

In performing its functions under this Act, the Board is required to consult the Governments interested at all stages and endeavour to secure, as far as may be practicable, agreement among such Governments.

Uptill now, River Boards Act, 1956, has not been operated upon because no request has been received from any State Government to this effect.

Dowry Deaths

4039. SHRI DATTATRAYA BANDARU: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of dowry deaths reported during the last three years, year-wise and State-wise;

(b) the number of cases registered in this regard, year-wise and State-wise;

(c) the number of persons convicted, year-wise and State-wise; and

(d) the number of persons awarded death penalty, year-wise and State-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI M.M. JACOB): (a) and (b) A Statement indicating the State-wise figures of dowry deaths reported during 1988, 1989 and 1990, is enclosed.

(c) and (d) The registration, investigation and detection of crime is the responsibility of the State Governments. Information regarding the number of persons convicted and the number of persons awarded death penalty is not compiled by the Central Government agencies.

STATEMENT

Number of dowry death cases registered during 1988 to 1990.

Sl. No.	State/UT	1988	1989	1990
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)
STATES:				
1.	Andhra Pradesh	99	320	344
2.	Arunachal Pradesh	1	—	—
3.	Assam	2	18	24
4.	Bihar	NA	228	243
5.	Goa	—	—	—
6.	Gujarat	32	51	125
7.	Haryana	93	151	126
8.	Himachal Pradesh	7	18	21
9.	Jammu & Kashmir	4	7	8
10.	Karnataka	179	175	216
11.	Kerala	6	16	11
12.	Madhya Pradesh	192	282	397
13.	Maharashtra	294	690	858
14.	Manipur	—	—	1
15.	Meghalaya	—	—	—
16.	Mizoram	—	—	—
17.	Nagaland	—	—	—
18.	Orissa	23	42	64
19.	Punjab	50	78	103
20.	Rajasthan	107	130	166
21.	Sikkim	—	—	—
22.	Tamil Nadu	75	122	86
23.	Tripura	7	9	5
24.	Uttar Pradesh	777	1364	1516
25.	West Bengal	155	402	420
UNION TERRITORIES:				
26.	A & N Islands	—	—	—
27.	Chandigarh	2	1	—
28.	D & N Haveli	1	—	—
29.	Daman & Diu	—	—	—
30.	Delhi	103	109	102
31.	Lakshadweep	—	—	—
32.	Pondicherry	—	2	—

Note: 1. Figures are based on monthly crime statistics and may be treated as provisional.
2. NA stands for 'Not Available'.

Measures to tone up Delhi Police

4040. SHRI RAJNATH SONKAR SHASTRI: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Delhi Police has not been able to apprehend the culprits responsible for Okhla Bank robbery and attack on the life of Director General, Doordarshan despite broad claims and bandobast; and

(b) if so, the measures taken to tone up the working and functioning of the Delhi Police and to restore confidence amongst the Delhites?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI M.M. JACOB): (a) Despite all endeavours, the police have not been able to apprehend the culprits responsible for Okhla Bank robbery and attack on the life of Director General, Doordarshan.

(b) The measures taken to tone up the functioning of the Delhi Police include covering of all vulnerable banks by mobile/foot patrolling and pickets including Police Control Room Vans; close rapport of the police with bank managers; checking of the bank guards and the alarm system; stationing of Police Control Room Vans at strategic points; increased surveillance; coordination meetings with the officials of the neighbouring States; externment proceedings against the known criminals; etc.

Construction of Buildings for Telegraph Office

4041. SHRIMATI SUSEELA GOPALAN: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal to construct new buildings for Central Telegraph Office, New Delhi and Telegraph Office, Calcutta;

(b) if so, the present stage of the projects, separately; and

(c) the time by which the work is likely to be completed?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI P.V. RANGAYYA NAIDU): (a) There is a proposal to construct a new Central Telegraph Office building at New Delhi. There is no such proposal for Calcutta.

(b) (I) New Delhi Central Telegraph Office: Preparation of drawings completed. Approval of Delhi Urban Arts Commission is awaited.

(II) Calcutta Central Telegraph Office: Not applicable.

(c) (I) New Delhi Central Telegraph Office: It is observed that encroachment has been made by some J.J. Dwellers on this land proposed to be utilised for con-